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TO-DAY'S WEATHER CLOUDY

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MERCURY REACHES 96 IN RICHMOND

Weather Bureau Figures Show This City to Be Hottest in United States.

NO PROSTRATIONS REPORTED

Immediate Prospects of Lower Temperature or Rain Meagre, According to Forecast.

Richmond was yesterday the hottest city in the United States, the thermometer registering 96 degrees as the maximum for the day. As far as the records go, only once before has it been as hot on the corresponding day in other years, and that occurred May 27, 1911. On the following day of the same year the thermometer again reached ninety-five degrees. Not only this, but the present month of May has, so far, been as dry as June in a small rainstorm, but it is very much feared by the United States Weather Bureau that the storm will have been exhausted before it begins to cover the country, and there is a radical change in the indications of yesterday. It was officially stated, would bring rain to relieve the farmers and truckers of Virginia, and then it may come too late for a portion of the crop.

The next hottest city recorded was Raleigh, N. C., where the thermometer registered 94 degrees. In St. Louis the mercury was but two degrees lower, and in Louisville it climbed only to 90 degrees. It was hot over all the country, but hotter in Richmond than anywhere else on the map.

NO PROSTRATIONS ARE

RECORDED IN RICHMOND

Though there were no heat prostrations officially recorded yesterday, there was every evidence that the general suffering among man and beast was intense. Brick, stone and building were full of the heat absorbed through several days, and were almost like a furnace, with a burning sun beating down upon it.

Heavy clothes were discarded by even the most careful, even by those whose first sign of summer must be a prostration, and those who had their donned their flannel suits without more than a street car, and were almost at the best, appeared with little else than the proverbial suspender. Some women put on tinner dresses, while others could not displace those they had on, and the thinner garb because of the prostrations.

Thousands took to the streets last night, the vast majority of them taking refuge in the shade, or riding to and from on the street cars. Automobile parties were many. It was customary to ride on the self of the stiff atmosphere of the street, and to feel a faint breeze blowing up from the river.

For mothers with babies and young children it was a tremendous trial. For into the streets, the children lay out upon the sidewalk, so that the baby might get a breath of fresh air. Other mothers who had no permanent homes, laid their babies on the ground, or sat upon their small porches, stung by the heat of the sun.

And while men and women perspired over their tasks, horses, dogs, and cats, all alike, half-dazed by the heat, were in the streets. There was no rain in the future, and there was no present promise of a decrease in the temperature. There was a faint promise of showers to-day, but they are not expected except by the most optimistic.

RICHMOND IS ONLY PLACE

TO ESTABLISH NEW RECORD

Washington, May 27.—A wave of midsummer heat, accompanied by enervating humidity over the Atlantic States, the first of the season, has been felt to-day, causing suffering in many cities. Richmond, with a temperature of 96 degrees, has established a new record.

Washington the highest thermometer at the elevated Weather Bureau registered 95 degrees, while those of the other cities showed 94, the official figure within 1 degree of the record for the warmest May day since 1876.

In many cities throughout the East the temperatures reached a point only one degree lower than in Washington. New York, Boston, Hartford, Albany and Philadelphia all registered 94, while those of the other cities showed 93, 92, 91, 90, 89, 88, 87, 86, 85, 84, 83, 82, 81, 80, 79, 78, 77, 76, 75, 74, 73, 72, 71, 70, 69, 68, 67, 66, 65, 64, 63, 62, 61, 60, 59, 58, 57, 56, 55, 54, 53, 52, 51, 50, 49, 48, 47, 46, 45, 44, 43, 42, 41, 40, 39, 38, 37, 36, 35, 34, 33, 32, 31, 30, 29, 28, 27, 26, 25, 24, 23, 22, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0, -1, -2, -3, -4, -5, -6, -7, -8, -9, -10, -11, -12, -13, -14, -15, -16, -17, -18, -19, -20, -21, -22, -23, -24, -25, -26, -27, -28, -29, -30, -31, -32, -33, -34, -35, -36, -37, -38, -39, -40, -41, -42, -43, -44, -45, -46, -47, -48, -49, -50, -51, -52, -53, -54, -55, -56, -57, -58, -59, -60, -61, -62, -63, -64, -65, -66, -67, -68, -69, -70, -71, -72, -73, -74, -75, -76, -77, -78, -79, -80, -81, -82, -83, -84, -85, -86, -87, -88, -89, -90, -91, -92, -93, -94, -95, -96, -97, -98, -99, -100, -101, -102, -103, -104, -105, 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